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ABOUT U.S.-SOVIET AIMS AT MBFR TALKS

MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

1. UNDER THE TITLE "THE STRUGGLE OVER DISARMAMENT," VIENNA'S MASS-
CIRCULATION "NEU KRONEN ZEITUNG" OF NOV. 11 USED ITS OWN COMPARISON
CHART, OF THE TYPE PUBLISHED IN EUROPEAN "TIME" EDITION, NOV. 5,
BUT WITH THE FOLLOWING FIGURES:

TROOPS-NATO: 765,000 (28 2/3 DIV.), WP: 880,000 (59 DIV.); TANKS

NATO: 6,600, WP: 18,500; TACTICAL PLANES-NATO: 2,900, WP: 7,400;

ATOMIC WARHEADS-NATO: 7,000, WP: 3,500; GROUND-TO-AIR ROCKETS-

NATO: 1,000, WP: 1,200.

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2. THE PAPER WRITES, "ACCORDING TO GENERAL CONJECTURES, THE FOLLOW-

ING IS THE MILITARY POTENTIAL OF NATO AND OF THE WARSAW PACT STATES,
WHICH IS THE SOURCE OF THE CURRENT STRUGGLE IN VIENNA FOR
REDUCTION AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SUPERPOWERS: NATO/
DISADVANTAGE IN TANKS AND PURSUIT PLANES IS BALANCED BY THE
BETTER QUALITY OF WESTERN MATERIAL. BUT WHAT IS QUITE APPARENT IS
THE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER NUMBER OF WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES.
THEREFORE THE AMERICAN AIM IN VIENNA WOULD BE TO GET THE SOVIET
UNION TO WITHDRAW TWICE AS MANY SOLDIERS AS THE U.S. DURING
A REDUCTION OF FORCES. AND AN AGREEMENT
ON THIS QUESTION WOULD BE INDICATIVE OF THE SERIOUSNESS WHICH
THE SOVIETS ATTACH TO SECURITY AND TO THE REALIZATION OF
TENSION IN EUROPE."HUMES

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